



What Jesus Taught About the End

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2. In the future, Jesus will return to establish a **kingdom on earth**.
3. But first, a global leader will arise with Satanic power and **persecute** Christians.
4. Jesus will return in glory, gather his followers, defeat the "beast," imprison Satan and establish his **Millennial Kingdom**.
5. Satan will be released to deceive people, but will be defeated and destroyed.
6. All the dead will rise to be judged for their deeds, and all will be cast into the **Lake of Fire ("Hell")** except those whose names are in Jesus' **Book of Life**.
7. But that's not the end... there's one more thing.

The day is coming when God will make everything new and make his home with us!

The End of the Old (Revelation 21-22)

Read Revelation 21:1-21. John sees a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. What does it mean to you that God is someday going to make everything new?

John also sees a vision of a "New Jerusalem" coming down from heaven. It is twice called "the Bride" of the Lamb which means the "New Jerusalem" is a symbol of the church, the people of God throughout the ages. If the New Jerusalem is future us, what do you think of how it's described in the vision?

Christians will someday be astonishingly glorious and will reign with Christ. What difference should that make in our lives today?

Read Revelation 21:22-22:5. Someday, God will take up residence with his people. What does it mean that God comes to make his home with us rather than him taking us to be with him?

At the end of the vision, John sees the tree of life. It's an obvious and intentional connection to the tree of life from Genesis 1-3. What do you think the point of that is? Why does God show a vision of the tree of life?

Take it Home

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